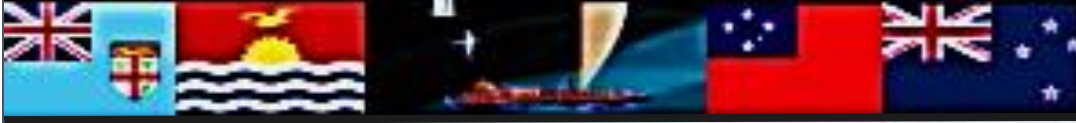


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NEW ZEALAND NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF MARCELLIN COLLEGE



Kia Ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula, Kamonaso, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Namaste, Ram-Ram, Salām, Sanibona, Ola, warm greetings to all.

As you will have seen, there is a positive Covid-19 case in our school community; they are at home and self isolating. At present, there are no other close contacts at the school so we remain open for all ākongā/students. Please read the notice from our school nurse Clare Corbett for up to date health information.

Regardless of Covid, the new school year has begun very positively, with our Prefect team helping new Year 7 and 9 ākongā/students to bond with each other for their first few days and weeks at school. Ngawari/Simplicity is our school pillar this year and very important to all of us so it has been a pleasure to see our new students join our whānau and begin to do the simple things well; being on time to school, being on time to class, wearing our uniform well, working hard in lessons and showing care for others. Our seniors look very smart in the senior uniform and new tie design and there have been many positive messages from the community about the smartness of our ākongā/students.

As a school we continue to grow in popularity due to our Marist family spirit, amazing body of families and high results. This year is no exception and we have grown to around 640 ākongā/students. Our NCEA achievement remains very high and more than half of our current ākongā/students studying NCEA achieved a Merit or Excellence endorsement. This represents outstanding success for our Marcellin ākongā.

We ask that all students from Years 9-13 have a device. This is so important to their learning and if there is any disruption to school due to Covid, they can continue to learn from home using our distance learning programme. If, for any reason, your child does not have a device, please inform the school of the situation.

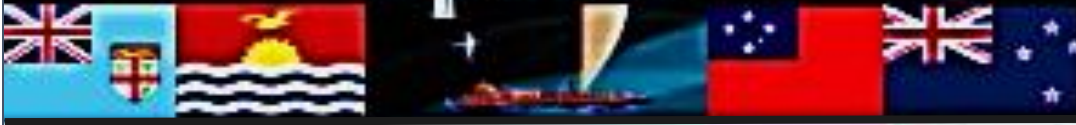
The school pillar of simplicity is very significant for us as a Marist Brothers school. It is the pillar that helps us to learn how we are all equally important as people of God, every person in the community is known, loved and valued by God and we strive to imitate this. This week especially, students are being encouraged to be the light of Christ to others, so that all ākongā/students in our Marcellin whānau recognise that they are welcome, belong, known and appreciated for who they are in our school community.

Ngā mihi nui whānau,
Dean Wearmout
Principal

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Saint Paul's College

Photos from the inaugural Mass for St Paul's showing Keith Simento, the new Headmaster, at the mic with Mons. Bernard Kiely the celebrant.

Mr Brett Murdoch announcing the Prefects for the coming year.

The St Paul's College band leading the singing.



Keith Speaking



Calling on prefects names

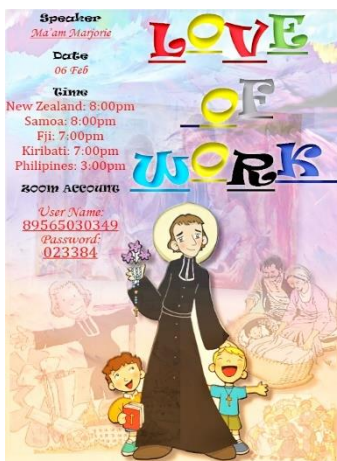


SPC Boys band Mass

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Short Summary from Marjorie "LOVE OF WORK"



Around 21 young people, Champagnat Lay Marists and young Brothers from Fiji, Samoa, Kiribati, New Zealand, Australia and Philippines joined the reflection last February 6 via Zoom. I am humbled by the invitation from Br. Anitelea, FMS and Br Petero, FMS to share on the topic "Marist Pillar on the Love of Work" for the District of the Pacific Lighthouse Project. I took the task because like Marcellin, we show our availability whenever necessary. It was an example of a "love of work" in giving of time and effort as a distinguishing characteristic of our Marist way of life. It was indeed a fruitful and life giving sharing.

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SAMOA NEWS



Champagnat Marist Session

by **Br Anitele'a**

Talofa lava! On Friday the 11th our Teachers at Mulivai had a presentation on being a Champagnat Marist. The sessions were mainly on the pillar “Love of Work” and “Gathered Around the Same Table”. The teachers participated very well during the session. The aim of the presentations was to empower our Champagnat Marist teachers to take the lead in setting up group meetings and sharing, especially to have a sense of belonging. The facilitators were Brothers Chris and Anitele'a.



Bros Ani & Chris giving a presentation Love of Work



Mulivai Staff with their beautiful Puletasi

